



NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

LAKE ROHUNTA (Athol / New Salem / Orange)

General Information:

Rohunta is a 383-acre lake divided into two basins by Route 2. Depth averages four feet with a maximum depth in the north basin of 15 feet. The water is clear with good transparency. The bottom is predominantly mud with a few areas of sand in the north basin. Aquatic weeds are extremely heavy throughout the south basin and are moderate too heavy in the north basin.

The shoreline is only 15% developed, but shoreline-fishing access is limited to the area adjacent to Route 2. Boat access is located at the rest area off Route 2 on the north basin, and but is suitable for only car top boats and canoes. A culvert connects the north and south basins and is large enough to pass car top boats. The dense growth of aquatic weeds in the southern basin makes the use of any outboard motor difficult. Summer recreational usage of this lake is extremely light because of the heavy weed growth.

This lake can be located on the U.S.G.S topographical quad map titled "Orange." Nearby fishing areas include the Millers River, Lake Mattawa and the Quabbin Reservoir.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was most recently studied during a 1978 summer survey. Ten species were collected including largemouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, bluegill, longear sunfish, golden shiner, black crappie, brown bullhead and white sucker. Northern pike were stocked in the lake in 1985 and 1987.

Fishing:

This pond offers good fishing for an assortment of warm water species. Largemouth bass, chain pickerel and yellow perch should provide excellent fishing. The use of weedless hooks is a must to fish this lake. With the abundance of forage present, the northern pike have grown rapidly and are providing an exciting addition to the lake's many fishing options.

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